

I would ask Members to support this resolution when it comes to the floor.

PASS A STRAIGHTFORWARD DISASTER RELIEF BILL NOW

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans decided to go home for Memorial Day vacation last week, even though they still have not provided disaster-stricken families with the emergency funds needed to rebuild their lives. It has now been more than 2 months since the President sent disaster relief legislation to Congress; yet Republicans still have not finished their work and passed the bill.

Last month Republicans loaded the bill up with provisions to freeze spending on education and other priorities for working families, a provision the President warned them would force him to veto the bill.

This emergency disaster relief bill that Republicans are holding hostage would help thousands of families rebuild their lives after a massive flood devastating their homes, businesses, and farms. It also included in the bill emergency funds to keep 360,000 women and children from being kicked out of the WIC child nutrition program.

Mr. Speaker, Democratic leaders and Members of Congress from States hardest hit by this flooding will be gathering today to deliver a simple message to the Republican leadership: Just do it, pass a straightforward disaster relief bill now.

GO FLYERS

(Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker:

There is a place down in Philly called Broad Street.

Where opponents were once turned into minced meat,

These bullies, they skated and were generally hated

By all of those whom they routinely deflated;

The Spectrum was home to these champions of ice,

The Stanley Cup was made theirs not once, but twice,

With Clarkie and Leach and Parent in the net,

Their blood, sweat, and tears we will never forget;

But now here we are in 1997,

The Flyers approaching ice hockey heaven, Eric the Great has shown us the way,

His heart, speed, and talent on constant display;

With well-seasoned Coffee and a Legion of Doom,

The orange and black have shown opponents their tomb,

Super Mario was valiant but nevertheless, He just couldn't beat power with pretty finesse;

Over the Sabers they rode on Snow's bulging shoulder,

And then back to Hextall both wiser and older,

The Rangers and Great One were just out of place,

The only "Mess" that we saw was of Robitaille's face;

The heroics of Brind'Amour, Klatt, and Podein,

Have made all us Flyers' fans stand up and scream,

Here we are in the finals with sights set on the Cup,

Like the 70's, no Russians will mess this dream up;

Big Joel Otto and Therien have merely begun,

To pummel the Wings til their Red starts to run,

And just like the days when the Broad Street Bullies did reign,

The Stanley Cup will belong to the Flyers again.

TIMOTHY McVEIGH HAS ONLY ONE RIGHT LEFT

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Timothy McVeigh has been convicted of mass murder. A jury will now deliberate whether McVeigh gets life in prison or the death sentence. I say, did McVeigh give any of those 168 innocent victims an opportunity to plea bargain? Did McVeigh give any of those 19 murdered children an opportunity for a life sentence? I ask, did McVeigh in fact give any consideration at all to the innocent victims and the families of those victims? No, Mr. Speaker.

I say that Timothy McVeigh has only one right left. The jury should read Timothy McVeigh his "last rites." Timothy McVeigh should be put to death, period.

Mr. Speaker, an America that allows mass murderers to plea bargain is an America that is turning its back consistently on innocent victims and citizens. I say it is time to stop the record number of graves and cemeteries all over our country.

THOUSANDS OF HIGHER PAYING JOBS: A POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE GAMING INDUSTRY

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, recently the National Gambling and Impact Policy Commission was formed. I am here today to speak about one of the positive impacts the gaming industry has had on our society.

An article recently published in the Las Vegas Sun illustrates gaming's positive involvement in the important issue of welfare reform. Two of gaming's corporate citizens have been producing thousands of jobs for welfare recipients. These companies have been giving American families the confidence of being able to make ends meet without depending on public assistance.

A recent Arthur Andersen study of gaming establishments in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Illinois disclosed that gaming has had a dramatic role in decreasing public assistance in these areas. According to the study, casino companies and the industries that support them paid \$21 billion in wages to more than 700,000 men and women in 1995.

The average casino wage was \$26,000 compared to \$20,000 in other amusement and recreation sectors, \$16,000 in the hotel-motel industry, \$22,000 in the motion picture industry. This means that the men and women working in the small casinos to the large mega resorts and riverboats receive better wages and higher-paying jobs in exchange for their hard work.

This is not just a Nevada issue, Mr. Speaker, this is a national issue. I urge Members' support.

IT IS TIME TO PASS THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL BILL

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it has now been more than 2 months since the President sent disaster relief legislation to the Congress, but my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have chosen to dilly-dally, to delay, instead of passing this important bill. They even voted to send the Congress home for 10 days instead of working to get this emergency aid to the families who so desperately need it.

Even worse, the majority has played politics with the disaster relief legislation. Last month they added a poison pill to the bill, a provision that would freeze spending on education and other important budget priorities that in fact help working families in this country. The President has stated that he cannot sign this bill if this provision is included. Yet, the majority has refused to remove it.

It is time to stop playing politics with the lives of American families. It is time to help those victims who are in fact desperately waiting for disaster relief funds. It is time to pass the emergency supplemental bill.

A BALANCED BUDGET AGREEMENT THAT IS DIFFERENT

(Ms. DUNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, in 1985 a balanced budget deal was agreed to amid great fanfare. In 1990 a balanced budget deal was agreed to amid similar exuberance. In 1993 a balanced budget deal was agreed to that was greeted with more high praise from the liberal media. The budget is still not in balance.

Mr. Speaker, what is it about this balanced budget agreement that is different? First, under a Republican Congress, the economic assumptions are